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THERAPEUTICS WITH IMPROVED
BINDING PROPERTIES AND
METHODS FOR THEIR USE

Examiner: M. Schmidt

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002 for which a response was due on May 27, 2002. A petition for a two month extension of time is attached, making this response due on July 27, 2002 (which falls on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this case in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.